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Three former CIA directors attend swearing-in of Adm. Stansfield Turner as new CIA chief. From left: Richard Helms, George Bush and James Schlesinger.

## New CIA Chief Indicates No Prosecution of Helms

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Washington (News Bureau)—Newly installed CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner appeared to rule out any prosecution of former CIA Director Richard Helms on the ground that this would bring about a wholesale disclosure of secret information that "would be injurious" to national security.

Turner, who was a U.S. Naval Academy classmate of President Carter, was sworn in as the nation's top intelligence official yesterday at a ceremony attended by Carter at the intelligence agency's headquarters in suburban Langley, Va.

Helms was in the audience at the ceremony, but Carter did not mention him by name, although the President did praise the two men who succeeded Helms as CIA director, James Schlesinger and George Bush.

### Wants to Be Told of Impropriety

Speaking in a modernistic auditorium at the sprawling headquarters, Carter said the best insurance against repetition of abuses of power by the nation's intelligence agencies is Turner's "own integrity." But Carter added that he wanted to be told immediately of any "impropriety or illegality" by any of the intelligence agencies.

Turner made the comment about Helms earlier, when asked by reporters whether the possible prosecution of Helms on alleged perjury charges presented any danger to national security.

"I'm told that there is (danger in prosecution of Helms)," Turner said. He added that although he has not been on the job long enough to check into the matter personally, he had been told by intelligence officials familiar with the case that in the event that Helms was charged with lying to a Senate committee investigating CIA involvement in the overthrow of the Salvador Allende government in Chile, "there would be requests for secret information that could be injurious to national security."

### President Will Make the Decision

Carter was also asked about the Helms case at his press conference yesterday, but the President said the grand jury investigating Helms had not yet requested any CIA documents.

Carter said the decision on whether to prosecute Helms would be "the exclusive right of the Justice Department." But he added that the decision on whether or not to reveal any secret CIA documents "will be my own judgment."

"The prosecution of the case has nothing to do with me," Carter said, actual revelation to a grand jury, or in the case of a trial if it should ever evolve, of confidential or secret material, would have to be judged by me."

Carter agreed, however, that the controlling factor in the decision whether or not to prosecute "may or may not" rest with his own decision regarding the disclosure of secret information.